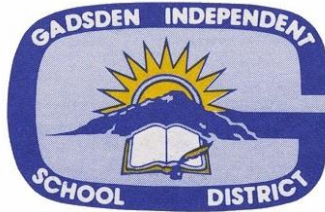


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REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES

For March 26, 2015

1. The Gadsden School Board convened in regular session at 5:00 p.m. Vice-President Ford presided at the meeting held at the Gadsden Administrative Complex Board Room.

Introduction and Roll Call

Members present: Daniel Castillo, Daniel Estupiñan, Craig Ford, and Jennifer Viramontes.

Members absent: Maria Saenz.
2. The National Anthem was sung by music teacher Bethany Martinez. Jia Moreno, Crystal Sanchez, Meghan Ortiz, and Jazmine Anaya led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance and the Pledge to the New Mexico flag. The mission statement was read by Vice-President Ford.

Pledge & Mission Statement
3. Programs, Reports, and Correspondence:
 - A. Superintendent's Report

La Union Principal, Vicente Sanchez, introduced music teacher Ms. Bethany Martinez, who led the choir in couple of songs. Mr. Sanchez introduced Crystal Sanchez who placed 1st at the Southwestern New Mexico Regional Science and Engineering Fair. She has been invited to compete at the 2015 New Mexico State Science and Engineering Fair. Mr. Sanchez informed everyone that the artwork in the entrance of the cafeteria was done by Ms. Jessica Gonzalez' 6th grade class.

Gadsden Elementary School Principal, Grace Marquez, introduced teachers Cynthia Perez, Debora Morales and Elisa Sanchez and their 4th through 6th grade students. They worked on "Project Allan", a Project Based Learning project. Allan Guzman was a GES student who passed away in January of 2014 from astrocytoma, a cancerous brain tumor. The students and teachers worked on sewing "quillows", which will be donated together with a book and a book summary done by the students, to the El Paso Children's Hospital in Allan's memory. The students involved in the project are Cruz Nuñez- 6th, Natalie Friare-4th, Ricky Guzman-6th, Violet Ramos-5th, Mia Reyes-5th, Eileen Torres-6th, Christian Acosta-4th and Janet Mendoza-6th.

Chaparral High School Principal, Mark Rupcich, introduced Business Professionals of America sponsor Sarah Campbell. Ms. Campbell introduced the students who went to the (BPA) State

Competition. The winners were as follows: 1st place winners for Website Design Team, Eric Jimenez, Oscar Barraza and Jacob Becerril. The Broadcast News: Production Team, Leo Moreno, Sarah Farley, Evelyn Sandoval and Eddie Galvan-Sarmiento. Prepared Speech - Martin Esquivel. Computer Programming Concepts, Jonathan Loya. PC Servicing and Troubleshooting, Art Barron. Graphic Design, Jacob Becerril. 2nd Place Winners are: Management/Marketing and Human Resources: Martin Esquivel. 3rd Place Winners: Personal Financial Management: Martin Esquivel. 4th Place Winners: Banking and Finance, Luis Amaya. Information Technology Concepts, Evelyn Loya; and Management/Marketing and Human Resource, Luis Amaya. 5th Place Winners, Information Technology Concepts Jonathan Loya. The top 5 will travel to Anaheim to compete in the National BPA competition in May.

Special Education Director, Randal Rapanut introduced Teacher for the Blind and Visually Handicapped, Rachel Rivera and Adrian Franco, Orientation and Mobility Specialist. He introduced Makela Bedill, 4th grade student from Chaparral Elementary and 11th grade Gadsden High School student Corina Nuñez. Both students won 1st in their age groups and 2nd place at the state Braille competition

Santa Teresa High School Assistant Principal Nicholas Wohlgemuth introduced senior Collin Gluth who has accepted a commission to West Point Academy March 9th. Present at the senior assembly was Congressman Steven Pearce. Collin was appointed by U.S. State Senator Tom Udall to attend West Point Academy and is one of five students in New Mexico to be nominated. Collin's mom spoke on her son's behalf, thanking everyone that helped him achieve his accomplishments.

Gadsden Middle School Principal Veronica Quinones introduced Pete Arredondo, PTSA President to speak about Briana Ramirez, a 7th grade student who won State in the Reflection Program for PTSA in the category of Art. Briana spoke about her art work titled "Together As One".

Associate Superintendent, Susan Yturralde introduced Mr. Jose Reyes, who will be receiving NM Association for Bilingual Education Henry W. Pascual Teacher Excellence in Bilingual Education Award. Mr. Reyes said he was honored to be receiving the award and that "Quien sabe dos lenguas vale por dos" - the person who is bilingual is worth two. He was very happy to see all of the students present with their individual accomplishments as it reflects on the good job teachers are doing.

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| Board President | B. President: absent |
| Board Member's Reports | C. Board Members:
Vice-President Ford – no report |

Board Secretary Viramontes – went to a National School Boards Association meeting where promoting public education, Pre-K funding and food initiatives were discussed. She said that there are bills on teacher salaries and counselor salaries that are before the governor. She congratulated all of the students present on each of their individual accomplishments.

Board Member Castillo-no report

Board Member Estupiñan-no report

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| Student Representative | D. Student Representative –Joanna Miranda, a senior from Santa Teresa High School. Joanna reported that PARCC testing had just concluded and that it all went very smooth. Four students will be traveling to Albuquerque for the Science competition. One of the students who is a finalist for the Gates Scholarship told her she was excited but was very nervous as getting or not getting the scholarship will determine where she will go to college. She said that the High Q team is among the top six teams and will move up to one of the top four if they win their next match. National Honor Society finished their animal shelter project where they collected food items and toys for the pets. The Science Club is working on an Earth Day project. Dominic Ebert and Dimitri Viramontes have both received the Daniels Fund Scholarship. |
| Personnel Report | E. The personnel report is included for the Board’s information with no action required. |
| Approval of the Agenda | 4. Mrs. Viramontes made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Superintendent Yturralde recommended approval of the motion. Motion carried. |
| School Board Minutes | 5. Mr. Castillo made a motion to approve the March 12, 2015 board meeting minutes. Superintendent Yturralde recommended approval of the motion. Motion carried. |
| Consent Agenda | 6. Mrs. Viramontes made a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented. Superintendent Yturralde recommended approval of the motion. Motion carried. |
| Open Forum | 7. Open Forum: Mrs. Lydia Ramos addressed the board requesting that the district consider reinstating Special Olympics. |
| Action Items: | 8. Action Items: |
| 2015- 5 Year Facility Master Plan | A. Mrs. Viramontes made a motion to approve the 5 Year Facility Master Plan. Superintendent Yturralde recommended approval of the motion. Motion carried. |
| Re-Scheduling of the May 28, 2015 Board Meeting | B. Mr. Castillo made a motion to approve changing the date of May 28, 2015 Board Meeting to May 27, 2015 due to the NMSBA Law Conference. Superintendent Yturralde recommended approval of the motion. Motion carried. |
| Language Arts and Modern Classical | C. Mrs. Viramontes made a motion to approve the Language Arts and Modern Classical Languages grades 9-12 Textbook Adoption. |

- Languages, 9-12
Textbook Adoption
- Superintendent Yturralde recommended approval of the motion. Motion carried.
- Western Technical
Internship Agreement
- D. Mrs. Viramontes made a motion to approve the Internship Agreement with Western Technical. Superintendent Yturralde recommended approval of the motion. Motion carried.
- Cancellation of April
16, 2015 Board
Meeting
- E. Mr. Castillo made a motion to approve the cancellation of the April 16, 2015 Board Meeting as all of the carryovers had come in. Superintendent Yturralde recommended approval of the motion. Motion carried.
- Discussion 9. Discussion Items:
- Post Issuance
Disclosure
- A. Steve Suggs, CFO, explained that the District issues general obligation bonds that have Continuing Disclosure (CD) requirements under federal securities laws. In order for the District to maintain compliance with the CD requirements, formalized procedures are necessary. The District's financial advisor and bond counsel have indicated that the Board and Superintendent should appoint a Compliance Officer for the purposes of the Continuing Disclosure Compliance Procedures. The recommendation is that the CFO is appointed as the Compliance Officer, and that the procedures identified as part of the resolution be adopted
- Post Issuance Tax
Compliance
Procedures for Bonds
and Notes and Loans
- B. Steve Suggs, CFO, explained that the District issues general obligation bonds and other debt obligations that have requirements under federal tax laws. In order for the District to maintain compliance with the federal tax requirements, formalized procedures are necessary. The District's financial advisor and bond counsel have indicated that the Board and Superintendent should appoint a Compliance Officer for the purposes of the Tax Compliance Procedures. The recommendation is that the CFO is appointed as the Compliance Officer, and that the procedures identified as part of the resolution be adopted.
- Chaparral Elementary
Remodel
- C. Ralph Gallegos, Construction Director, presented information on the timeline for the Chaparral Elementary Remodeling project. The timeline for the project includes advertising on April 20, 2015, with a Pre-RFP meeting on May 1, 2015, and the RFP Due on May 19, 2015. Mr. Gallegos will bring back this item for approval on June 11, 2015.
- Proposed Changes-
Policy EFE,
Competitive Food
Sales/Vending
Machines
- D. Demetrious Giovas, Student Nutrition Director, presented information on the recommended changes by the NMSBA Policy Service to Policy EFE. The proposed changes to Policy EFE are pursuant to recent changes by NMPED to NMAC 6.12.5-6 to conform to Federal law, rules and guidance limitations regarding beverages and foods sold in schools. Specifically, to the beverages allowed to be sold as competitive food or accompaniment to the food program. Mr. Giovas also answered questions regarding wasted foods, such as fruit that students do not eat. He said students are not allowed to keep their fruit and eat later. Fresh

fruits and vegetables are given to all elementary students after one o'clock every day.

GMS Waste Water
UV Project

E. Ralph Gallegos, Construction Director presented information on the design of the new UV Disinfection System to be constructed at the existing Gadsden Middle School Waste Water Treatment Plant located at 1325 West Washington. This new system will replace existing de-chlorination system.

Adjourn 10. Mr. Castillo made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Superintendent Yturalde recommended approval of the motion. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 6:36 p.m.

SUBMITTED BY:

APPROVED BY:

Jennifer Viramontes, School Board Secretary

Maria E. Saenz, School Board President

Minutes taken by Elisa Saénz